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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 22, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006, for which a fee for a one month extension of time is enclosed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: